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SUBJECT: ROYAL IAR FORCE STRIKE COMMAND AND NATO

REF: A. USNATO 1077

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BY PO/75/25 SYG LUNS ASKS DPC PERMREPS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL
SET OUR IN MCM-8-75 FOR INTEGRATING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
UNITED KINGDOM AIR FORCES (CINCUKAIR) INTO ALLIED COMMAND
EUROPE COMMAND STRUCTURE. DPC APPROVAL IS BY SILENCE PROCEDURE
WITH A SUSPENSE OF MARCH 14, 1975. MISSION BELIEVES THE MCM-8-75
PROPOSAL PROVIDES THE DESIRED FLEXIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING
FINAL COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT
OF UK AIR ASSETS. MISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. REQUEST
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. TEXT OF PO/75/25 QUOTED BELOW. BEGIN TEXT:

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT THE DEFENCE MIN-
ISTERS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL FOR
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INCREASING THE NUMBERS OF ITS AIRCRAFT COMMITTED TO NATO
AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THERI EARLIER ASSIGNMENT, PENDING
DEVELOPMENT OF COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS BY SACEUR (1).

2. IN ITS MEMORANDUM (2) OF 21ST FEBRUARY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REQUEST THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

3. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO MANPOWER OR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO NATO. AS FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL, SACEUR'S PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE KEPT UNDER CONTINUAL REVIEW AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS POLICY AND CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE I SEE NO NEED FOR THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL. UNLESS I RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS TO THE CONTRARY BY 14TH MARCH, THE PROPOSAL SET OUT IN MCM-8-75 WILL BE CONSIDERED AS APPROVED.

(1) ACTION SHEET PO/74/139 DATED 11TH NOVEMBER, 1974.

(2) MCM-8-75 DATED 21ST FEBRUARY, 1975

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